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DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978 - NAMIBIA  
STATEMENT TO BE MADE FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 ON BEHALF OF THE  
FIVE

1. FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF A JOINT  
STATEMENT THAT WILL BE MADE FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, BY THE UK  
AMBASSADOR, SIR JAMES MURRAY, ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE.

2. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE THIS CONFERENCE ON BEHALF OF  
THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE  
OCCASION OF NAMIBIA DAY. WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
LAST MET IN A CONFERENCE OF THIS SORT TO DISCUSS THE PRO-  
BLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, IN LAGOS A YEAR A?, WE WERE  
ALREADY ENGAGED IN THE IMPERATIVE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO  
THE PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA WHICH SO RIGHTLY DEMANDED OUR  
ATTENTION. I THINK IT IS TRUE TO SAY THAT MANY OF THOSE  
SO ENGAGED AT THE TIME WOULD CONFESS THAT THE PROGRESS WE  
HAVE MADE SINCE THEN IS A SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE SATIS-  
FACTION.

3. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE  
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SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA IS NOW IN SIGHT. SECURITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION 431 IS A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SEARCH FOR A  
NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE NOW ACHIEVED THE PRELIMINARY  
GOAL ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, IN THAT A SETTLE-  
MENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385  
HAS BEEN AGREED BY ALL THE PARTIES AND APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
WE HOPE THAT ALL CONCERNED WILL NOW

WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE COOPERATION OF ALL UN MEMBER STATES WILL BE VITAL TO SUPPORT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MAARTI AHTISAMNI, IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE FOR UN INVOLVEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TERMS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

4. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT, WE BELIEVE THAT THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE PAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS, AND THE PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN INITIATED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE A FIRM AND ENCOURAGING INDICATION THAT PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS ARE POSSIBLE EVEN OVER PROBLEMS AS COMPLEX AND THREATENING AS THOSE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS PROCESS CAN BE BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WITH GENUINE INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA AS A FULLY RECOGNIZED MEMBER OF OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE COMING MONTHS WE SHOULD ALL BE GUIDED BY THE INTERESTS OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE. THE SUCCESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ACHIEVING THESE ENDS WILL CONSTITUTE A MAJOR VICTORY FOR THE FORCES OF REASON AND JUSTICE AND GIVE CLEAR PROOF THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE AS IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT TODAY AS THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR ORGANIZATION. UNQUOTE VANDEN HEUVEL  
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